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Re: Docket Numbers ~~E-01345A-08-0172~~, E-00000J-08-0314 and G-00000C-08-0314

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you representing Sustainable Tucson, an organization now 3 years old, whose mission is **to facilitate an inclusive community-building process that ensures economic prosperity, social vibrancy, and ecological health. We fulfill this purpose by facilitating, networking and convening, as well as advocating for action.**

We are moved to action by current science that indicates global warming and climate change are now givens, and the opportunity to mitigate their extreme effects lay within our conscious personal and collective actions. Reaching goals to reduce carbon emissions at least 80% by 2050, as called for in President Obama's energy plan, requires bold steps at the highest levels of policy making and regulation.

Part of a solution lays in energy efficiency policy which, I understand, is under discussion in Energy Efficiency Workshops and an APS rate case before you, and why I write this letter. Raising energy efficiency requirements to at least 20% by 2020 sets a very low bar considering the urgency of climate change mitigation. So I encourage you to set as high a standard as possible knowing that the coming years and future generations will be affected by the actions you take today.

For your information I attach three sources that make the case for urgent action:

1. *Climate Code Red, the case for emergency action*: [www.climatecodered.net/](http://www.climatecodered.net/)
2. John Holdren video (30 minutes), science advisor to Obama:  
<http://usclimateaction.org/userfiles/flash/Holdren.html>
3. *Expert: AZ in climate-change bull's eye*: Tony Davis, Arizona Daily Star, 2/18/09, Nobel Laureate, Dr. Jonathan Overpeck, comments to the Arizona House Environment Committee.

Sincerely,  
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